

Subject 102

When, Where and How to File

For tax year 2003 and later, April 15th is the due date for calendar year filers. Your return is considered filed timely when it is postmarked no later than the due date. If April 15th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day which is not a legal holiday.

If you file a fiscal year return, your return is due by the 15th day of the 4th month after the close of your fiscal year.

If you need an extension of time to file, access Subject 702. You must pay interest on any unpaid tax from the due date of the tax return to the date you pay the tax.

When completing your return, use the peel-off label on the insert inside your tax booklet only if the information is correct. If the information is not correct, fill in all required information on your tax return. Be sure the Social Security Number is the same as on your social security card.

If you file Joint or Married Filing Separately on the Same Return, both husband and wife must sign the return. If your spouse cannot sign because of a disease or injury and tells you to sign the return, then sign your spouse's name in the proper space followed by the word "by" in quotation marks, your signature, and your relationship to the taxpayer. In addition, you must attach a statement to the return which includes the tax year, the reason your spouse cannot sign the return, and that your spouse has agreed to your signing for him or her. If you are the guardian of your spouse who is mentally disabled, you may sign the return for your spouse as guardian. If you are filing a return for a minor child, sign your child's name followed by the word "by" in quotation marks, your signature, and the words "parent or guardian of minor child."

Be sure to attach your W-2(s) to the front of the return. Attach all schedules and forms in numerical order.

If you have a tax due, make your check or money order payable to the Department of Finance and Administration and attach it to the front of the return. On the front of your check or money order, write your Social Security Number, the tax year, and the type of the form you are filing. Do not mail cash with your return. If you cannot pay the amount owed with the return, access Subject 801 for more information.

If you did not receive a pre-addressed envelope, mail your return to one of the following addresses:

For refund returns:

Arkansas State Income Tax
P.O. Box 1000
Little Rock, AR 72203

For tax due returns:

Arkansas State Income Tax
P.O. Box 2144
Little Rock, AR 72203

For no tax due returns:

Arkansas State Income Tax
P.O. Box 8026
Little Rock, AR 72203